

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 10 as follows. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A wire-cutting apparatus for brick manufacturing, the apparatus including:

a pair of generally vertically spaced elongated beams arranged in a substantially parallel, spaced relationship;

a plurality of tensioned spaced slug cutting wires attached to and extending between the beams, the wires being located at spaced locations along the beams to cut the slug to form green bricks; and

a plurality of blades mounted on one of the beams to form slots in the slug ~~facilitate a slug forming a slot in a green brick being formed~~,

wherein each blade ~~of respective blades~~ is associated with, and located approximately adjacent to, a corresponding one of the wires, such that a slot is ~~slots are~~ formed at a corner of each the green brick being formed.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each of the blades has a passage through which an associated one of the cutting wires passes.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the blades are mounted on the beams, with the blades being arranged in pairs, with each pair including a

respective one of the blades on each of the beams and between which an associated one of the cutting wires passes.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the blades are mounted on the beams, with the blades being arranged in pairs with each pair including a respective one of the blades on each of the beams and between which an associated one of the cutting wires passes.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein each of the cutting wires has a major length displaced laterally relative to portions of the wire located between the blades.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 13, wherein each of the cutting wires has a major length displaced laterally relative to portions of the wire located between the blades.